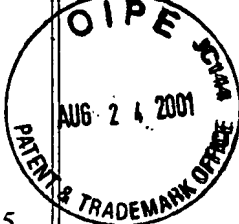


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The foregoing references were called to Applicants' attention in the official Search Report for European Patent Application No. 99 919 640.5-2304/JP9902579, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

It should be noted that two of the references identified in the Search Report, Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 62-184856 and 2-99333, already are of record in this application, and as such, citation here would be cumulative. Accordingly, copies of those references have not been provided.

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It is hereby certified that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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